

ORDER NO. 01-18-01  
FIRE USE RESTRICTIONS  
ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Angeles National Forest. This Order is effective from January 4, 2018, through the end of the official 2018 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or within a Developed Campground that is barren of all flammable materials for at least three feet in diameter. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).

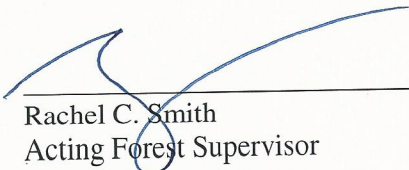
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Person with a valid California Campfire Permit are not except from the prohibitions listed above.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Done at Arcadia, California this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2018.



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Rachel C. Smith  
Acting Forest Supervisor  
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This Order supersedes Forest Order 05-01-17-08, dated December 7, 2017.



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**Date:** January 3, 2018

**Subject:** Angeles National Forest Fire Use Restriction  
Forest Order 05-01-18-01

**To:** File

**From:** <sup>RS</sup> Rachel C. Smith, Acting Forest Supervisor

Due to predicted fire weather forecasts and ongoing major incidents on and adjacent to the Forest that have the potential to exhaust all resources, the Forest now needs to mitigate fire use for public safety. In order to protect the natural resources and public safety, I am imposing fire restrictions throughout the Forest on January 4, 2018 until the official end of the 2018 fire season.

By prohibiting campfires of wood and charcoal and stove fires including pressurized gas, liquid fuel and petroleum jelly lanterns, it is less likely that an escaped campfire will accidentally cause a wildland fire. In addition, the order prohibits smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or in a developed campground that is barren of all flammable materials for at least three feet in diameter, and the use of open flame torches.

Los Angeles County Fire Department and CalFire have both been consulted regarding these prohibitions. Neither agency expressed any concerns or objections to these prohibitions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.



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